(b) There is no change in the policy of Government of India on this issue. P. M. however clarified in a press statement on 24-12-85 that "The Government of Sri Lanka has approached us with a request to take back Sri Lankan Indians who are qualified for the Indian citizenship. We are prepared to do so in principle and in accordance with our commitments. However we wil not be able to repatriate these people to India until the situation in Sri Lanka itself first stabilizes and until the Sri Lankan refugees who are already in India are enabled to return to their homeland in safety and dignity.

(c) No official reaction of the Government of Sri Lanka has been received.

Sale of computerised weaponary to Pakistan by U.S.

382. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the clearance for sale to Pakistan during the current Year different advanced top of the line weaponary based round the computerized electronic counter measure technology like AN/TPO 37 fire-finder rader system with ancillary and support equipment which. besides enabling Pakistan's armed forces to accurately zero down on the sources of incoming artillary will be a high technology defence relationship with US which only a select few of its defence clients have been able to do; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction in this regard in so far as its efforts to reduce arms race in the sub-continent and to normalise its relationship with Pak are concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Pakistan is acquiring AN/TPO-37 Fire-Finder radar systems from U.S.A.

(b) Government are concerned at the large scale induction of sophisticated weapons into Pakistan from USA as it results in the diversion of resources from development to defence.

Assesment of fire-fighting capabilities of Delhi Fire Service

383. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the deficiencies, if any, in the fire fighting equipment and professionalism in the Delhi Fire Service;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c)) what measures have been taken by Government to remove these deficiencies and to bring the fire fighting services at par with the world standard making it an effective organisation for fire exigencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes.

(b) An Expert Committee set up ten years ago recommended an increase in the number of fire stations, purchase of sophisticated fire fighting and communications equipment, besides upgrading and augmenting the existing strength of the Fire Services, and imposition of Fire Tax on property.

(c) Some additional fire stations have been set up and equipments purchased. A fire tax has been levied on the rateable value of property. The Unified Building Bye-laws have been enacted wherein certain mandatory requirements were stipulated to be observed by building owners to provide for adequate fire protection.

सिद्धार्थ होटल में लगी आग की जांच

384. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव**: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या दिल्ली के सिद्धार्थ होटल में 23 जनवरी को जो आग लगी थी, जिसमें 38 लोग मरे थे और 46 घायल हुए थे उसकी जांच पड़ताल पूरी हो गई है यदि हां, तो इस अग्निकांड के क्या कारण थे ;

(ख) आगा में मरने वाले कौन-कौन थे और उनके संबंधियों को क्षतिपूर्ति की क्या व्यवस्था की गयी ;